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FOR CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DIVIDED FAMILIES REPRESENTATION

1. WITH BELGRADE APPROACHING, WE FEEL THAT A RENEWED HIGH-
LEVEL REPRESENTATION ON DIVIDED FAMILIES WOULD BE IN ORDER
AT THIS TIME. WE PROPOSE THAT YOU CALL ON DEP FONMIN NAGY
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO MAKE A GENERAL PRESENTATION ALONG
THE FOLLOWING LINES:

--THE US GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN PLEASED BY PROGRESS MADE IN
RESOLVING SEVERAL OF OUR DIVIDED FAMILY CASES.

--OUR RECORDS INDICATE THAT THERE ARE STILL SEVEN CASES
INVOLVING 12 INDIVIDUALS WHO SEEK TO EMIGRATE TO JOIN
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RELATIVES IN THE UNITED STATES. THERE HAS BEEN NO POSITIVE
ACTION SINCE NOVEMBER ON ANY OF THE CASES WE HAVE BROUGHT
TO YOUR ATTENTION.

--IN LATE JANUARY THE AMERICAN DESK INFORMED THE EMBASSY
THAT IT COULD EXPECT "DISTINCTLY MORE POSITIVE ACTION IN
FUTURE" AND 'FASTER MOVEMENT". WE HAVE TO DATE SEEN NO

EVIDENCE OF SUCH ACTION. WE URGE THE HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES TO RESOLVE THESE FEW CASES AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE.

2. YOU ARE ALSO REQUESTED TO CONSIDER WHETHER SUBMISSION OF A NEW "LIST AT THIS TIME WOULD BE HELPFUL, POSSIBLY INCLUDING NEW PROBLEM CASES IDENTIFIED IN MARCH 24 LONGO-GERTH LETTER. IF NOT, YOU MAY WISH TO INDICATE TO NAGY THAT THE CONSUL WOULD BE PREPARED TO REVIEW OUTSTANDING CASES WITH THE APPROPRIATE MFA OFFICIALS AT AN EARLY DATE.

3. DURING A MAY 3 COURTESY CALL BY AMBASSADOR ESZTERGALYOS COUNSELOR NIMETZ RAISED DIVIDED FAMILIES AND THE HELPFUL GOH ATTITUDE. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES HAVE RECENTLY MADE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN FAMILY REUNIFICATION AND HOPED THAT HUNGARIAN PERFORMANCE WOULD NOT BE SEEN AS NEGATIVE BY CONTRAST. YOU MAY WISH TO MAKE THE SAME POINT WITH NAGY. CHRISTOPHER

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